

Proposed Bill No. 198

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LCO No. 1140

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by: SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF INTERPRETER SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 17b-28e of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plan
- 3 so as to include interpreter services as a covered service under the
- 4 Medicaid program.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve efficiencies in the Medicaid program by allowing interpreter services to be a covered service thereby promoting access to healthcare for persons with limited English proficiency and reducing incidents of misdiagnosis.